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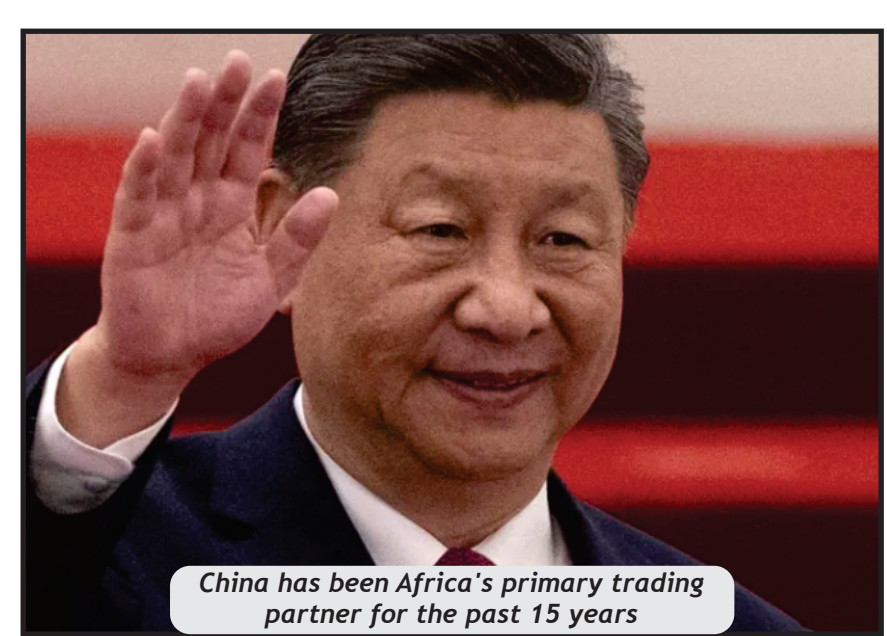




Continental News

China ready to drop all tariffs on African imports

China has said it is ready to drop the tariffs it charges on imports from [efforts to] disrupt the existing international economic and trade order" through the



China has been Africa's primary trading partner for the past 15 years

all 53 African countries with which it has diplomatic relations. The move, announced at a China-Africa co-operation meeting, comes as the continent is facing the possibility of increased tariffs on its products entering the US. China is Africa's largest trading partner - a position it has held for the last 15 years - with Africa exporting goods to the Asian nation worth around \$170bn (£125bn) in 2023. A joint ministerial statement criticised "certain countries'

unilateral imposition of tariffs. It then called on the US to resolve trade disputes on the basis of "equality, respect and mutual benefit". The zero-tariff move, when implemented, will be an extension of the deal made last year for China to drop tariffs on goods from 33 African nations classified as "least developed". The expanded list will include some of China's largest trading partners on the continent, including South Africa and Nigeria. China has not said when

the decision will come into effect.

Eswatini is the only African state excluded from the zero-tariff announcement as it recognises Taiwan as an independent country, whereas China regards it as a breakaway province. China currently imports a lot of raw materials from Africa, notably from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Guinea. In April, President Donald Trump caused consternation among US trading partners by announcing high tariffs on its imports from many countries, including a 50% rate for Lesotho, 30% for South Africa and 14% for Nigeria. How jeans and diamonds pushed Lesotho to the top of Trump's tariffs list. The implementation has been paused until next month, though the temporary halt could be extended further for countries that are negotiating "in good faith", according to US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent. In 2024, the US imported \$39.5bn-worth of goods from Africa. Some of that was brought in under the zero-tariff deal known as the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa) which now looks under threat if the Trump administration goes ahead with the imposition of fresh charges. BBC

Legal win for son tricked into moving to Africa by parents

A teenager who was tricked into going to boarding school in Africa has won a significant legal victory against his own parents. The 14-year-old boy, who cannot be identified, was taken from London to Ghana in March 2024 after being told a relative was ill. In fact, his parents wanted to get him out of London as they feared he was being drawn into criminal activity. Unhappy and homesick in Ghana, the boy found lawyers and brought a case against his parents to the High Court in London, which ruled against him in February. On Thursday, he won a Court of Appeal bid, so the case will be reheard. The most senior judge in the Family Division, Sir Andrew McFarlane, said there had been confusion in the previous decision.

"We have become more and more concerned as to the exercise the judge undertook," he added.

"For those reasons - we are agreed remittal should be allowed." He urged the family to find a solution through constructive dialogue.

At the hearing, the boy's barrister, Deirdre Fottrell KC, said he is "desperate" to return to the UK. "He is culturally displaced and alienated," she said. "He considers himself abandoned by his family. He feels he is a British boy, a London boy." The boy remains in Ghana and has been attending a day school there.

His solicitor, James Netto, described the appeal ruling as a "hugely significant" decision that would "resonate across international family law." He said: "We are very pleased indeed that the Court of Appeal

has allowed our client's appeal, and has recognised the critical importance of listening to and assessing the voices of young people at the heart of legal proceedings that profoundly affect their lives." The parents' barrister, Rebecca Foulkes, said that staying in Ghana was the "least harmful" option for the boy. "The parents found themselves in a wholly invidious decision when they made the decision they made," she said. "Ghana provided a safe haven, separate from those who exposed him to risk." BBC



Zambia's president not wanted at predecessor's funeral, family says

Zambia's former President Edgar Lungu, who died last week, left instructions that his successor Hakainde Hichilema "should not be anywhere near" his body, a family spokesman has said.

This is the latest development in the bitter feud over funeral plans for the late president following his death in South Africa at the age of 68.

The government had planned to fly his body back home on Wednesday, but failed to do so because of a dispute with Lungu's family and his political party, the Patriotic Front (PF), over mourning and funeral arrangements. The two political rivals, with Hichilema defeating Lungu in the 2021 election after failing in five previous attempts.

in place "all logistics" to fulfil Lungu's wishes to be given a private funeral and that Hichelema "should not be anywhere near" his body. The government was behaving as though the family had "no say" over his burial and the way he should be mourned, Mr Zulu added.

It was the family's desire that the "conscience of the deceased should not be betrayed", he said.

In his response, Haimbe said that while the bereaved family had put forward its wishes, Lungu's funeral concerned all Zambians as he was a former president.

"I'm sure all of us would want to have a fitting send-off for our former president, and that is what we must work towards achieving," the foreign minister told local journalists.

In an earlier statement, the government said that "constructive consultations" were continuing with Lungu's family to ensure the



Edgar Lungu died of an undisclosed illness while receiving treatment in South Africa

Lungu died of an undisclosed illness, but the PF said last week that he had been receiving "specialised treatment" in South Africa. The PF alleged that Lungu was banned from leaving the country for years and that if he had been allowed to travel to seek medical treatment sooner, he might still be alive. The government has denied the allegation. Zambia's Foreign Minister Mulambo Haimbe was among government officials who flew to South Africa on Wednesday for talks with Lungu's widow, Esther, and his influential daughter, Tasila, to break the deadlock over what happens next. The government wants to give Lungu, who led Zambia from 2015 to 2021, a state funeral.

The Lungu family's spokesman, lawyer Makebi Zulu, previously told the BBC that the family was not opposed to this, but it wanted a say over who would preside over the service. However, in a video released from South Africa on Thursday, Mr Zulu said the family had put

"smooth repatriation" of his body. The dispute has caused much sadness and confusion among Zambians who are unclear how to mourn the ex-president. The government declared a seven-day national mourning period starting last Saturday, even though the PF announced one days earlier.

The government declared that the official venue for mourning would be a lodge it owns in the capital, Lusaka, but the PF dismissed this plan, directing mourners to its headquarters instead.

Constitutional lawyer John Sangwa told the BBC that the "tug-of-war" highlighted the need for Zambia to come up with a law which outlined funeral arrangements for presidents and ex-presidents, but he believed that at the end of the day the wishes of the family should be respected.

After Lungu's defeat in the 2021 election, he stepped back from politics but later returned to the fray. He remained the biggest political drawcard of the PF, and he had ambitions to vie for the presidency again. However, at the end of last year the Constitutional Court barred him from running, ruling that he had already served the maximum two terms allowed by law.

EDITORIAL

Weah should accept his mistake

CDCians and supporters of former President George Weah are blaming everyone else but Mr. Weah himself, for the current soaring bad blood between him and Veronica Mamie Doe, daughter of the late First Lady of Liberia, Nancy B. Doe that led to her returning two cows, 50 (25kgs) bags of rice and 1 million Liberian Dollars the former President presented to the family, as they mourn the death of Ms. Doe.

Mr. Weah made the gesture here on Sunday, 8 June when he visited home of the late First Lady, Madam Doe, who died last month following a brief illness. But the daughter of the deceased, Mamie Doe, ordered the items returned to Mr. Weah’s Congress for Democratic Change headquarters in Congo Town on Monday, a day after he personally presented them.

Veronica is unhappy with the former President, just like her late mother had expressed prior to her passing. It all started after the late former First Lady went before the ECOWAS Court and won a petition for benefits, totaling several millions from the Government of Liberia, as a former stateswoman.

She reportedly met Mr. Weah during his Presidency on the matter, but received no favorable response from the Weah Administration until it lost the 2023 election. The late Madam Doe went on radio later and lamented her experience with the man her late husband, slain President Samuel Kanyon Doe took as a son, for his soccer skills on the National Team, the Lone Star during Mr. Doe’s Presidency in the 80s.

Madam Doe was emotionally disappointed and felt neglected, lest expected from a President that her late husband, Samuel Doe, practically reared. She never received a penny from the Liberian government under Mr. Weah,, and lived rest of her life with this grieve up to her death. What went wrong? Why was it so difficult for Mr. Weah to intervene during his Presidency, especially at a time when the former First Lady had been made a widow from the Liberian Civil War, and needed all of the attention she should could get to keep surviving after she has lost her husband.

As a daughter, Veronica Mamie Doe may have spent time with her mother long before her death. She may have heard her late mother lamenting and recounting her ordeal with the state, especially under former President Weah. These are common experiences between a child and a mother made a widow, from a bloody civil war, leaving them with no source of support emotionally and otherwise. They ran to a President whom they had thought could have come to their aid, but he did nothing.

Unfortunately, CDCians and supporters of the Mr. Weah don’t seem to see roots cause of Veronica Doe’s outrage against the former President. They think the current administration is instigating her to behave the way she did to Mr. Weah.

We can but only join reported call by a prominent son of Grand Gedeh County, and member of the former Weah Administration, Kanio Bai Gbala, for Mr. Weah to apologize to the Doe Family, rather than shifting blames. We strongly believe that this would calm the current flare of emotions and tensions, even in the face of Mrs. Doe’s remains still awaiting burial.

The people of Grand Gedeh, where the Doe Family hails consistently voted for Mr. Weah in all elections since 2005, because they saw in him a deep connection with their late son, slain President Samuel Kanyon Doe, and have always stood by him politically. Mr. Weah should not feel too big to say sorrow to Veronica for whatever feeling or disappointment she harbors against him personally, for treatments meted against her late mother.

COMMENTARY

By Jayati Ghosh

Can the Conference on Financing for Development Succeed?

NEW DELHI - It is easy to be pessimistic about multilateralism nowadays. Recent international gatherings - including the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, the 2024 Summit of the Future, and multiple United Nations Climate Change Conferences - have yielded only unfulfilled promises. At a time when US President Donald Trump is abandoning America’s international commitments, rejecting multilateral initiatives, and sowing chaos and confusion in global trade, can the Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) at the end of this month go any better?

To be sure, the United States may well act as a spoiler in Seville, or simply disregard any agreements that are made. But that does not mean that the summit will be a bust. After all, America’s withdrawal from the 2015 Paris climate agreement during Trump’s first presidency - mere months after the deal entered into force - did not lead to its demise. While action has been limited, almost everyone recognizes that without the agreement, climate change would likely occur even faster.

Moreover, in April, the US withdrew from negotiations on decarbonizing shipping at the UN’s International Maritime Organization, warning that it would consider “reciprocal measures” if any new fees were charged to US ships for their fuel use. Yet the IMO succeeded in getting 108 countries - accounting for 97% of the world’s merchant-shipping fleet by tonnage - to approve a new mandatory fuel standard for vessels and a global emissions-pricing mechanism, with the revenues supporting, among other things, infrastructure development in developing economies.

It is clearly possible for the world to make progress on shared challenges without the US. The lack of US involvement in the FfD4 might even prove advantageous, given its record of extracting compromises that favor its own multinational companies, and then refusing to sign or enforce deals anyway. The negotiations for the OECD Global Tax Deal, finalized in 2021, are a case in point.

But success will require other countries to fill the global leadership gap and demonstrate a credible commitment to the multilateral cooperation that is essential to our survival. Fortunately, the first draft of the FfD4’s outcome document recognizes this imperative and advances many useful and practical policy proposals, including several from the final report of the International Commission of Experts on Financing for Development (of which I was a member).

A key focus of the document is enabling greater domestic resource mobilization. An outdated international tax system and inadequate checks on illicit financial flows are a severe constraint on low- and middle-income countries’ budgets. Reforms in these areas would go a long way toward reducing income and asset inequalities and increasing tax revenues - vital to finance investment in health care, education, and climate-change mitigation and adaptation.

More broadly, participants at the Seville summit must seek to address the lack of a global financial safety net. A first step could be to initiate regular allocations of the International Monetary Fund’s reserve asset,

special drawing rights. To enhance the intervention’s impact, the SDRs could be distributed according to need - a departure from the current approach, which allocates SDRs in proportion to IMF quotas, meaning that the largest shares go to the countries least in need. The IMF could also introduce SDR swaps to meet the immediate liquidity needs of economies that do not benefit from the US Federal Reserve’s central-bank liquidity swaps.

But this is only the beginning. The world’s approach to tackling shared challenges - from climate change to public health and sustainable development - has plainly failed. International pledges and agreements have fallen far short, in terms of both scale and quality. The “billions to trillions” vision - which sought to leverage public subsidies to unlock private finance for climate action - has not been realized. The suggestion that donors will close the development-financing gap through sheer goodwill is as unrealistic as it is patronizing.

It is time to embrace an entirely new model of “global public investment,” with all countries contributing to the provision of shared public goods according to their means. This will require, for starters, fundamental reform of the IMF and the World Bank. Both institutions need to adopt a more countercyclical approach to lending. Moreover, they must stop linking loans to oppressive conditionalities that favor the interests of global capital over the well-being of people and the planet. In general, multilateral banks must increase their lending significantly to meet social, developmental, and climate needs, which in turn requires robust, reliable funding.

But there is a major barrier to such changes: important decisions at the IMF and the World Bank require an 85% voting majority, and with a 16% share of those votes, the US effectively wields a veto. Without major governance reforms, these institutions will remain hamstrung, countries will increasingly find ways to bypass them, and they will fade into irrelevance.

Meanwhile, international financial regulations should be strengthened, including by pursuing greater coordination of national laws - possibly on a regional basis at first. Private finance, which has enjoyed decades of lax regulation and positive incentives, should be required to align its behavior with social and planetary goals - or face punishment.

These proposals are hardly radical; such measures have been implemented in past phases of global capitalism, and they are manifestly in the interest of all countries. Nonetheless, in the current geopolitical landscape, they may appear unrealistic. That is why “coalitions of the willing” must take the lead in setting ambitious goals - and doing what it takes to achieve them. The upcoming Conference on Financing for Development is a good place to start.

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Lord, let them leave my learned friend small na

Dear Father:

They say everybody just on my man back ooh. Can you imagine since ley man went and put him mouth on ley people at ley Palava Hut, him life has not been easy. They say da whatin him do?

Father, ley man say why ley elder them at ley Palava Hut mon say, ley thin ley chief them from ley Traditional Council doing ay wrong. Him say da bad example there so. Him say, how they will talk da kina thin, when ley Rebel them pass ley ingredients for ley Village cake, da ley elder them are eating their own-no noise.

Him say, if they say it leh da, den they mon bring their owner cake back, since ley Rebel them who fixed it na have ley right to fix it.

Hmm, my son, ley thing your friend talky small sense inside oo.

Yes, oo Father, my learned friend say da bad example ley people from ley Palava Hut na set so. Him say why they mon say all ley thing them ley rebel chief them doing at tey Traditional Council bad, den they mon bring their share of ley cake back. Da ley fire ley man put in ley hole so oo. Um, my son, you sure nathin behind this whole thin here.

Aah, Father my name ooh. Bor I hear say small money bisnay inside oo. You say whatin!

Aah, Father, da ley reason il na wan talk for ooh. You know dis whole wahala here da so, so money bisnay inside. Ehn you remember da chief from ley borough -“You eat, I eat” and ley other one I will see what to do.” Hmm, ley people them.

Yes, oo Father, ehn da them there they just chopping our village money leh da. All ley noise on da Hill, particularly to da Traditional Council there da so, so money bisnay.

Father, ley people money bisnay too strong leh goat peppe. And all da thing den they doing so ley suffering da inside dis village here ay na easy. Da small thin!

Yes, ooh Father, ay na easy in dis village here ooh, da only God manning us here oo. Imagine, people work no money to take pay.

Hmm, den you can just imainge ley people den who na doing nathin, just sitting down home. So, da whatin ley Oldman doing na?

Father, da small fuel ley Papay putting inside ley fire. Ay na small fuel oo. All ley thing den ley Oldman used to be talking against, da ley thin dem him doin. In fact, even worse things. Bor da who dem advising him so?

Father, who know to him? Him gat so, so him children around him, no good advice. They just want for their pockets and their girlfriend dem.

Bor we inside, ehn we say, we na wan short man, we side good, good. We just pray for God to continue manning us oo-ay na easy.

OP-ED

By Kevin Watkins

Rebuilding the Aid Consensus

LONDON - In 2015, the United Kingdom’s then-prime minister, David Cameron, stood before the United Nations General Assembly and challenged other donor countries to follow the UK’s lead and back the newly-minted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for eradicating poverty with their aid money. “We haven’t just achieved the UN’s 0.7% [aid-to-GNI spending] target, we’ve enshrined it in law,” he declared.

That was then. As heir to an extraordinary bipartisan consensus forged under the post-1997 Labour government, Cameron’s Conservative government had established Britain as the most generous aid donor in the G7, and one of just four countries to meet the 0.7% aid target. Now, a Labour government has torn up the remnants of that consensus, joined a global attack on aid, and set a course that will leave the UK among the world’s least generous countries.

The fact that a UK government led by the Labour Party, with its long tradition of internationalism and solidarity, has all but abandoned its leadership role on an issue encoded in its DNA illustrates the political forces shaping a new world order, notably US President Donald Trump’s view of international cooperation as a zero-sum game played by losers. But it also challenges development advocates in the UK to focus on strategies aimed at minimizing harm and rebuilding the case for aid.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced the decision to cut foreign aid and channel the savings to an expanded defense budget ahead of a meeting with Trump. The aid budget is set to fall from 0.5% to 0.3% of GNI - the lowest level since the late 1990s. After removing the roughly one-quarter of the official development assistance spent on refugees in the UK, Britain will slip from ninth to 22nd in a ranking of countries’ ODA as a share of GNI.

While there has been opposition to the aid cuts, a new consensus has taken root. Conservative leader Kemi Badenoch applauded the decision to convert ODA into defense spending. The far-right Reform UK party’s election manifesto called for the aid budget to be halved. When Jenny Chapman, Britain’s development minister, delivered ODA’s death warrant, she told a parliamentary committee in May that “the days of viewing the UK government as a global charity are over.” Some two-thirds of Britons, including most Labour supporters, support increased defense spending at the expense of overseas aid.

The UK is hardly alone. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which accounted for more than 40% of all humanitarian aid in 2024, has been dismantled. In Germany, the world’s second-largest donor, Chancellor Friedrich Merz’s new government will reduce an already-diminished aid budget. France is set to slash ODA by 40%, while the recently collapsed right-wing government in the Netherlands, a longstanding member of the 0.7% club, has decreased aid spending by more than two-thirds.

The human toll of the cuts is already starting to emerge. The demolition of USAID has left acutely malnourished children without food, HIV/AIDS patients without antiretroviral drugs, and clinics unable to treat deadly diseases like childhood malaria. According to a recent study, Trump’s suspension of aid could result in 14 million additional deaths, including 4.5 million children under five, by 2030. Cuts by the UK and other donors will inevitably add to these human costs. An already chronically under-financed humanitarian aid system now confronting famine threats and food emergencies from Sudan to Gaza and the Sahel has been pushed to the brink of collapse: less than 10% of the 2025 UN appeal is funded.

The political currents fueling the attack on aid vary across countries. In the US, nihilistic anti-multilateralism has been a driving force. In Europe, fiscal pressures have interacted with right-wing populist narratives linking aid to migration, pressure on public services, waste, and corruption.

What is striking in the British case is the speed with which the aid consensus crumbled. That consensus was forged above all by Gordon Brown, first as Chancellor and then as Prime Minister. It was under Brown’s leadership that the UK set the 0.7% aid target, supported the development of global health funds - Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria - and led debt-relief efforts for Africa.

After 2010, when the Conservative government’s Chancellor George Osborne launched a series of austerity budgets slashing public services and welfare spending, the aid budget was off-limits. While overseeing a surge in child poverty in the UK, Cameron co-chaired the UN committee that produced the SDGs and the pledge to “leave no one behind.”

Cracks began to appear during Boris Johnson’s premiership. After making the ill-judged decision to fold the Department for International Development into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Johnson “temporarily” reduced foreign aid to 0.5% of GNI, citing the COVID-19 crisis. Starmer now cites Russian security threats to justify deeper cuts.

But the claim that there was no alternative strains credibility. After promising not to increase taxes, Labour entered office donning a voluntary fiscal straitjacket and has had to make avoidable public-spending cuts. But decimating the aid budget -



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President Boakai threatens here to place non-performing entities on travel moratorium.

By Lewis S. Teh

Boakai, is aligned with the government's Arrest Agenda. The PMCS provides a structure for ministries, agencies, commissions and state-own enterprises to set clear performance targets, deliver services to citizens and report on progress. Institutions certified and recognized include the Ministry of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Public Works, LERC, Wash Commission, LACRA, Jackson F. Doe Memorial Hospital, LPRC, Ministry of Defense, PPCC, LAA, and LISGIS.



institutions have been certified by the Executive under its flagship program, Performance Management Compliance System or PMCS, while non-performing entities risk moratorium on travel. The PMCS is a flagship reform initiative of the Government of Liberia, designed to strengthen accountability, transparency, and citizen-center service delivery across public institutions. The initiative launched in October 2024, under the leadership of President Boakai, is aligned with the government's Arrest Agenda. The PMCS guarantees that institutions provide clear services, maintain integrity, and stay accountable to the people; we are here today not only to celebrate the results of this intervention, but also to institutionalize a new culture of delivery across the government", says President Boakai. He terms the initiative as a legacy his government owes the Liberian people, which calls for more work. The President said the event came with both reflection and the future of development.

ceremony held June 12, at the EJS Ministerial Complex in oldest Congo town, President Boakai said the occasion was a moment that signifies a pivotal step in national commitment to accountability, transparency, and citizen-centered governance. He said through the Performance Management and Compliance System, his government is transitioning from promises to performance; from inputs to impact, and from excuses to excellence. "Aligned with our ARREST Agenda, the PMCS guarantees that institutions provide clear services, maintain integrity, and stay accountable to the people; we are here today not only to celebrate the results of this intervention, but also to institutionalize a new culture of delivery across the government", says President Boakai. He terms the initiative as a legacy his government owes the Liberian people, which calls for more work. The President said the event came with both reflection and the future of development.

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Methodists at war again

-As Global Methodist slams UMC over vandalism

By Emmanuel Wise Jipoh

Monrovia, Liberia, June 13, 2025 - What appears to be another fresh fight is growing among Methodists here as newly formed Global Methodist Church of Liberia (GMC) takes exception to what it terms 'false and misleading allegations' by the leadership of the Liberia Annial Conference of the United Methodist Church that has accused some members of the GMC of vandalizing the Ganta Methodist Hospital in Ganta City, Nimba County. It may be recalled that members of the GMC allegedly attacked some members of the UMC on the facilities of the Ganta Mission Station. The leadership of the United Methodist Church raised several alleged verbal attacks on the Global Methodist Church without proving their claims. In a release issued on Thursday, June 12, in Monrovia, the GMC stated that Bishop Samuel Quire of the Liberia Annual Conference dared to misinform the public through the electronic media that members of the GMC vandalized the Ganta Hospital. It questioned why the GMC could be naive to destroy property belonging to the former Gompa District Conference of the UMC that has joined the GMC in the of Ganta, Nimba County, from name of celebration. 7-13 July 2025 for the official convening conference of the Church alleged that following Global Methodist Church. It Bishop Quire's false allegation, encourages the leadership of there have been no reports the UMC to continue the legal from the hospital to confirm his redress initiated to find a allegations, nor has there been remedy to its concerns, rather any police arrest. than seeking unnecessary Besides, the GMC said despite sympathy from the public at the the UMC and members of the expense of the Global former Gompa District Methodist Church of Liberia. Conference of the UMC went The GMC also encourages through legal process om a individuals claiming property to court of competent jurisdiction take the matter to the law, to determine who owns the instead of engaging in any Ganta Hospital, school, and the disorderly actions, and calls on entire mission station located all members of the Mount in the City of Ganta, Nimba Nimba District of the Global County, the court made a Methodist Church of Liberia to determination by dismissing avoid any confrontation with the claims of the United members of the United Methodist Church to any Methodist Church. property, and declaring the former Gompa District of the UMC in Nimba, now a part of the newly-established Global Methodist Church, owners of all the property. The Global UMC said the court decision necessitating the celebration continues even as it convenes in the city



China, Africa denounce bullying, unilateralism

-At FOCAC evaluation meeting

Africa and China have come together to denounce frequent occurrence of unilateralism, protectionism and economic bullying that has created severe difficulties for socio-economic development and improvement of livelihoods on the Continent and elsewhere.

By Lincoln G. Peters

Hunan Province, China; June 13, 2025- The People's Republic of China, along with the African Union Commission and 53 African countries, including Liberia note that frequent occurrence of unilateralism, protectionism and economic bullying has created severe difficulties for socio-economic development and improvement of livelihoods in Africa, and other developing countries. However, China assures that it stands ready to work with Africa to deepen implementation of ten partnership actions for modernization, cooperation in key areas such as green industry, e-commerce and e-payment, science and technology, and artificial intelligence, and enhance cooperation in security, finance and the rule of law, to promote high-quality development of China-Africa cooperation. On Wednesday, June 11, 2025, the ministerial meeting of example of solidarity and cooperation of the Global South. The List of outcomes of the Implementation of the Follow-up Actions of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation provides a comprehensive, quantitative and tangible presentation of progress achieved. China and Africa however assure that they will carry out plans outlined in the Concept Paper of 2026 China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges to contribute to the solidarity of the Global South. Following the opening of the forum which began with speeches and climaxed with a plenary conversation on the evaluation and implementation of the Beijing Summit, the diplomatic body legislatively enacted and derived nine-count resolution to addressing pressing economic and developmental challenges and cooperation. The body in agreed that the rise and growth of the Global South represents the trend of the times and the future of development.



coordinators on the "China and Africa are implementation of the follow-up actions of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was held in Hunan Province, Changsha City, China. The program was graced by diplomats of the 53 countries, including Liberia's delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, headed by Deputy Minister for International Cooperation and Economics Integration, Dr. Ibrahim Al-barkri Nyei. During the evaluation, representatives of the People's Republic of China, the 53 African countries and the African Union Commission, guided by the consensus reached by their leaders during the 2024 Beijing FOCAC, gathered to advance full implementation of the Beijing Declaration on Jointly Building an All-Weather China-Africa Community with a Shared Future for the New Era. The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation has become a fine both important members of and staunch forces in the Global South. We call on all countries, especially countries in the Global South, to work together to build a community with a shared future for mankind, promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, and implement the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative. We commend the initiative of jointly building an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era for its positive significance in safeguarding solidarity and cooperation of the Global South and defending multilateralism" the resolution reads. They described the matter as a pressing challenge that members of the Global South including China and African countries must address.

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Boakai certifies 13 performing institutions

and recommitment, adding that for the benchmark for performance that others first time in the nation’s history, his must now meet or exceed. “Our journey government have completed a full toward performance-based governance national performance management cycle must be bold, but also fair. The data we now across public sector, noting that outcome have tells a compelling story—one of of the exercise provides cause for both progress, but also areas where we must do celebration and reflection. “We applaud better.”

those institutions that performed Accordingly, he said this was the first full exceptionally, and we recognize the national PMCS cycle—a historic undertaking dedication, discipline, and leadership it of the government, and many institutions took to meet – and in some cases, exceed rose to the challenge.

– the expectations outlined in last year’s performance targets.”

Those targets according to him, were the development and publication of a Service participate or meet the core requirements, Delivery Charter by each institution, and cautioning, “This is not acceptable.”

the strengthening of internal systems to Henceforth, he said institutions that did not implement these charters. comply will be placed under a Presidential Performance Improvement Plan (PPIP),

The President continue that these institutions demonstrated clear planning, adding that this will provide targeted strengthened systems, and visible service support, structured performance improvements, as they have set a monitoring, and clear timelines for corrective action.

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ArcelorMittal pledges \$4M

excitement about what lies ahead. stronger through mutual trust, shared The Phase II expansion is not merely a company sacrifice, and the unwavering belief that investment; it is a national breakthrough. It is a Liberia’s future can, and will, be built by bold affirmation that Liberia can move beyond Liberians. “We are talking about thousands of exporting raw materials to producing high- jobs created. Billions invested. Hundreds of grade, value-added iron concentrate right here on Liberian soil. It is a signal to the world that Liberian businesses empowered. Entire Liberia is open for transformative business and communities lifted. And an increase in serious about sustainable development.” national revenue from \$35 million to over \$125 million annually to support schools.

He added that this is the power of partnership, clinics, roads, and opportunity”, CEO Kocken a partnership that over two decades has grown disclosed.

The General Auditing Commission

Old Executive Mansion Building

Ashmun Street, Monrovia, Liberia

Invitation for Bids for the

Procurement of Laptop Computers

IFB N0/GAC/NCB/008/2025

1. The General Auditing Commission has received commitment in the Government of Liberia’s Approved National Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (January-December) and intends to apply part of it towards the procurement of Laptop Computers.

2. The General Auditing Commission (GAC) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the procurement of Laptop Computers.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) enshrined in the Public Procurement and Concessions Act (PPCA) as amended and restated in 2010.

4. Schedule of Requirement:

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1.	Laptop Computers	10pcs

5. Qualification requirements are:

▪ Article of Incorporation

▪ Valid Tax Clearance

▪ Valid Business Registration Certificate

▪ Past performance records- including the names, email addresses, and contact numbers of at least three clients.

▪ PPCC vendors registration form.


6. All interested, eligible bidders may obtain a copy of the Bidding Documents from the Procurement Unit at the address indicated below. A copy of the bidding document will be available from **June 9, 2025, to July 8, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** daily.


7. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** in the format indicated in this document.

8. Sealed Bids must be delivered to the Procurement Unit not later than **10:00 a.m. on July 8, 2025.** Late bids will be rejected and returned to the Bidders unopened.

9. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders who choose to attend or their representatives on **July 8, 2025, @ 11:00 a.m.** in the 2nd-floor conference room of the GAC.

10. The address referred to is: **The procurement Unit**
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Old Executive Mansion,
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Kokoyah Superintendent needs urgent medical treatment overseas

-Amid Worsening Health Condition

By Edwin N. Khakie

Bong County, Liberia - The Statutory Superintendent of Kokoyah Statutory District #1, Bong County, Nixon L. Kpee, has issued an urgent appeal for financial and logistical support to seek advanced medical treatment abroad, following a prolonged and worsening health condition.

Superintendent Kpee, appointed under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, disclosed that his medical condition has grown critical and cannot be adequately managed within Liberia’s existing healthcare system. Speaking from his sickbed, he said the illness began shortly after he assumed office and has since worsened, affecting his ability to effectively discharge his duties. Kpee initially sought care at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Monrovia, the country’s largest public referral facility. However, doctors there diagnosed him with a complex condition they referred to as “Spinnaker disorder,” a rare illness that, according to medical experts, requires advanced treatment and diagnostics currently unavailable in Liberia.

facilitation—to step in and assist,” he pleaded.


Despite his declining health, Superintendent Kpee extended heartfelt appreciation to Bong County District #1 Representative, Hon. Prince K. Koinah, who he described as a steadfast supporter throughout his health ordeal.

“Representative Koinah has stood by me since the beginning, offering both moral and financial support,” he said. “I remain deeply grateful and hopeful that with continued help, I can access the treatment I urgently need.”

Superintendent Kpee emphasized that while his health has significantly impacted his ability to serve, his dedication to the people of Kokoyah Statutory District remains resolute.

“My commitment to my people is unshaken,” he affirmed. “But I must first recover to serve them effectively and with full strength.”

His appeal sheds light on broader systemic challenges in Liberia’s healthcare system, particularly the limited capacity to treat



“The doctors have exhausted all local options,” Kpee stated in a weakened voice. “They have strongly recommended that I seek treatment overseas, where the proper technology and expertise are available.”

In response, the ailing superintendent has formally written to Bong County Superintendent Madam Hawa Loileyah Norris and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, requesting official medical leave and government support for overseas medical care.

In addition, he is appealing to national and international humanitarian organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Liberian diaspora, and private citizens for urgent assistance.

“Given the seriousness of my condition and my financial limitations, I’m calling on anyone who can help—whether through donations, sponsorship, or

complex medical conditions. Like many others, Kpee is now relying on external intervention to access life-saving care—a situation common among both public officials and ordinary citizens.

Meanwhile, community leaders and residents in Kokoyah Statutory District have begun rallying support for their superintendent. Many are urging the government to respond swiftly and compassionately to his request.

“Superintendent Kpee has consistently prioritized the needs of our district—even while battling illness,” said one resident. “Now is the time for us and the government to prioritize his recovery.”

As Hon. Kpee awaits a response from relevant authorities and donors, he remains hopeful that collective efforts from within and beyond Liberia will help make his overseas treatment a reality.

Capitole incendié : Fonati Koffa dénonce la faiblesse des preuves présentées par l'accusation

L'ancien président de la Chambre des Représentants, Maître Koffa, a exprimé sa profonde

l'issue de l'audience de mercredi, Maître Koffa a vivement critiqué ce qu'il qualifie de preuves « faibles et incohérentes » soumises par



déception quant à la qualité du dossier de l'accusation, lors de la deuxième journée d'audience préliminaire au tribunal municipal de Monrovia, relative à l'incendie criminel du 8 décembre 2024 ayant visé le bâtiment du Capitole. S'adressant à la presse à

l'État. « Le parquet semble ignorer que la police assurait la sécurité du bâtiment en permanence », a-t-il déclaré. « Si incendie criminel il y a eu, alors, selon cette logique, les agents de police devraient être considérés comme complices, ce qui n'est manifestement pas le cas. Cela démontre que l'affaire est

bancale dès le départ. » Koffa a également remis en question la pertinence de certains éléments de preuve, citant notamment « des gobelets en plastique et d'autres objets trouvés à l'extérieur du périmètre du Capitole », qu'il juge sans lien direct avec l'affaire. Il a aussi qualifié d'incongru l'ensemble des enregistrements audio présentés par l'accusation. En ce qui concerne un enregistrement supposé dans lequel sa voix serait identifiable alors qu'il se trouvait dans la résidence du président Joseph Nyuma Boakai, le député du district n°2 de Grand Kru - jugé aux côtés de quatre autres parlementaires - a déclaré : « Dire que cela prouve que j'espionnais ? C'est absurde. J'ai été franchement déçu par cette audience. La seule amélioration est qu'il y a eu moins de pauses toilettes, mais les preuves restent tout aussi faibles. » Le tribunal a repris les

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Famille Doe divisée après le décès de l'ex-Première Dame Nancy Doe

Une vive querelle secoue la famille de l'ancien président libérien assassiné, Samuel Kanyon Doe, à la suite du décès de son épouse, l'ancienne Première Dame Nancy B. Doe, survenu le 21 mai 2025 à son domicile de Sinkor, Monrovia, après une courte maladie. Au cœur de la discorde : des accusations graves lancées par leur fille, Veronica Mamie Doe, contre un membre influent de la famille, le sénateur Zoe Emmanuel Pennue, qu'elle rend personnellement responsable de la mort de sa mère. « Zoe Pennue est un démon. Il est responsable de la mort de ma mère. Lorsqu'elle était en train de mourir, elle appelait son nom en larmes », a déclaré Mme Doe lors de son apparition très médiatisée mardi soir sur Spoon Talk, une émission politique populaire. Émue, elle a affirmé que sa mère était agitée à l'approche de sa mort, mentionnant à plusieurs reprises le nom du

sénateur, ce qu'elle interprète comme une preuve implicite de sa culpabilité. Elle est allée plus loin en le qualifiant de « meurtrier » et l'accusant d'être impliqué dans d'autres décès. Ces déclarations incendiaires ont rapidement provoqué une réaction officielle de la famille Doe. Dans un communiqué publié mercredi 11 juin, la famille a exprimé sa consternation face à ce qu'elle décrit comme des propos « faux, blessants et profondément préoccupants », soulignant que ceux-ci ne reflètent ni leurs valeurs ni la vérité connue.

« Nous tenons à réaffirmer notre engagement inébranlable envers les principes de paix, de réconciliation et d'unité, tant au sein de notre famille qu'au sein de la nation libérienne », lit-on dans la déclaration. La famille a précisé que Veronica Mamie Doe, qu'elle qualifie de « parente éloignée », ne parle pas en leur nom collectif. Elle a dénoncé une tentative individuelle de gagner en visibilité en instrumentalisant une

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Éditorial

Que George Weah reconnaisse son erreur

Les partisans de l'ancien président George Weah, notamment les militants du Congrès pour le Changement Démocratique (CDC), rejettent toute responsabilité sur autrui, sans jamais interroger les actions de M. Weah lui-même, dans l'affaire qui l'oppose actuellement à Veronica Mamie Doe, fille de l'ancienne Première dame du Liberia, feu

Le dimanche 8 juin, M. Weah s'est rendu au domicile de la défunte à l'occasion du deuil, apportant en guise de condoléances deux vaches, cinquante sacs de riz de 25 kg et un montant d'un million de dollars libériens. Le lendemain, Veronica Doe a ordonné le retour de ces dons au siège du CDC à Congo Town, refusant catégoriquement ce geste de l'ancien chef d'État.

Ce rejet s'explique par une profonde rancœur que partageait déjà sa mère de son vivant. En effet, l'ancienne Première dame avait saisi la Cour de Justice de la CEDEAO afin de réclamer ses indemnités en tant qu'ex-haute fonctionnaire de l'État - un recours qu'elle avait remporté, obtenant gain de cause pour plusieurs millions de dollars. Mais malgré cette décision, aucune action concrète n'a été entreprise par le gouvernement Weah durant son mandat, et Mme Doe n'a jamais vu la couleur de ces compensations jusqu'à sa mort.

La défunte, visiblement affectée, s'était exprimée sur les ondes, déplorant le silence de celui que son mari, le président Samuel Kanyon Doe, considérait comme un fils pour l'avoir soutenu durant sa jeunesse comme joueur de l'équipe nationale de football, le Lone Star, dans les années 1980. Elle avait exprimé son amertume face à ce qu'elle considérait comme un abandon, un manque d'empathie et de reconnaissance, venant de celui que son époux avait aidé à faire éclore.

Alors que la Première dame vivait ses derniers jours dans l'oubli et sans ressources, aucune initiative politique ou administrative n'a été engagée pour réparer cette injustice. Et aujourd'hui, sa fille Veronica, témoin de cette douleur, rejette avec force tout geste qu'elle perçoit comme hypocrite ou tardif.

Il est regrettable que les proches et partisans de M. Weah refusent de comprendre les motivations réelles de Mme Doe. Ils vont jusqu'à accuser l'administration actuelle d'avoir manipulé la jeune femme, ignorant les blessures profondes causées par des années de silence et d'indifférence.

Nous saluons donc l'appel au calme et à la réconciliation lancé par Kanio Bai Gbala, originaire du Grand Gedeh et ancien collaborateur du régime Weah, qui exhorte l'ex-président à présenter des excuses sincères à la famille Doe. Ce geste d'humilité pourrait apaiser les tensions actuelles, alors même que le corps de Mme Doe n'a pas encore été inhumé.

Depuis 2005, le peuple du Grand Gedeh - région natale de la famille Doe - a toujours manifesté un soutien électoral massif envers George Weah, y voyant une continuité avec leur fils disparu, le président Samuel Kanyon Doe. Ignorer aujourd'hui leur douleur serait une trahison politique et morale.

Il est temps que M. Weah fasse preuve de responsabilité. Un simple mot d'excuse adressé à Veronica Mamie Doe, pour le tort moral causé à sa mère, ne l'amoinvrirait en rien. Bien au contraire, cela témoignerait d'une grandeur d'âme que la nation tout entière ne manquerait pas de saluer.

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audiences préliminaires mercredi, en présence de quatre des cinq députés inculpés. La représentante Priscilla Cooper, élue du district n°5 de Montserrado, a renoncé à son droit à une audition préliminaire et comparaitra directement devant le tribunal criminel A. Plutôt que de rester aux côtés de ses coaccusés, Maître Koffa a activement participé à la séance en rejoignant son équipe de défense durant le contre-interrogatoire. Celle-ci s’est concentrée sur la démolition du témoignage du premier témoin de l’accusation : l’inspecteur Peter Johnson de la Police nationale du Libéria (LNP). Rappelons que l’objectif des audiences préliminaires est d’établir s’il existe des motifs suffisants pour engager un procès en bonne et due forme. Les cinq parlementaires mis en cause – Maître Fonati Koffa, et les représentants Dixon Seboe, Jacob Debee, Abu Kamara et Priscilla Cooper – font face à des accusations de la LNP concernant leur implication présumée dans l’incendie criminel du Capitole. La première journée d’audience, mardi, s’était déroulée sous haute sécurité. Le ministère public, dirigé par le procureur général Maître Augustine C. Fayiah, assisté du procureur de comté Richard Scott et de Maître Bobby Livingston, a soutenu que les preuves préliminaires suffisent pour justifier un procès en bonne et due forme. La défense, quant à elle, est assurée par plusieurs figures éminentes du barreau, dont l’ancien juge associé Walkins Wright et Maître Jonathan Massaquoi. Le témoignage de l’inspecteur Johnson a suscité la controverse. Il a accusé Koffa

d’être le principal financier de l’opération, s’appuyant notamment sur une publication supprimée sur les réseaux sociaux contenant le mot « ALARMO », qu’il considère comme un code lié à l’attentat incendiaire. Il a également présenté un enregistrement audio censé prouver que Koffa aurait participé à des discussions en vue d’incendier une partie du Capitole. Si ce dernier reconnaît que la voix pourrait être la sienne, il nie catégoriquement toute implication dans une quelconque conspiration. D’autres parlementaires, eux, ont rejeté l’enregistrement, le qualifiant de deepfake ou de contenu généré artificiellement. L’inspecteur Johnson a en outre désigné le député Dixon Seboe comme le coordinateur opérationnel, accusé d’avoir organisé la fuite des participants, et reproche au député Jacob Debee d’avoir facilité le crime en omettant de signaler le complot présumé. Quant au député Abu Kamara, ses véhicules auraient été utilisés lors de l’exécution de l’attaque. L’audience de mercredi a été perturbée à plusieurs reprises par des pauses toilettes du témoin, provoquant l’agacement visible de la défense. Un avocat présent a décrit la journée comme une « perte de temps », révélant un climat de plus en plus tendu dans la salle d’audience. À l’extérieur, les tensions persistaient alors que Maître Koffa quittait le tribunal pour regagner son véhicule. Les audiences reprennent ce jeudi 12 juin. L’affaire pourrait avoir de lourdes conséquences sur la stabilité politique du Libéria, l’État de droit et la confiance du public dans les institutions démocratiques.

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tragédie familiale. Le communiqué défend également le sénateur Zoe Emmanuel Pennue, son épouse Lucy Doe Pennue, ainsi que feu Chayee Zoe Doe, saluant leur service honorable envers la communauté et la nation libérienne. « Les accusations infondées d’un membre marginal de la famille sur la plateforme Spoon TV sont profondément attristantes. Elles ne correspondent ni aux faits que nous connaissons ni aux valeurs qui nous définissent. » La famille appelle la population à faire preuve de discernement et à ne pas se laisser emporter par ce qu’elle qualifie de « confusion médiatique orchestrée ». Elle

insiste sur l’importance de préserver l’unité et la paix, en ces temps délicats pour le pays. « Nous ne souhaitons accuser aucun responsable gouvernemental, ancien ou actuel. Au contraire, nous tendons la main à tous les citoyens et partenaires du Libéria pour œuvrer ensemble à la consolidation de notre avenir commun. » Alors que cette querelle familiale prend de l’ampleur dans l’espace public, des observateurs politiques avertissent que les retombées pourraient affecter la réputation du sénateur Pennue, notamment dans son bastion électoral du Grand Gedeh.

Communautés affectées de Nimba dénoncent les propos du sénateur Twayen sur l'accord avec ArcelorMittal

Les représentants des communautés affectées de Nimba ont vigoureusement dénoncé les récentes déclarations du sénateur Nyan Twayen à l’encontre de la société ArcelorMittal Liberia (AML), qualifiant ses propos d’injustes et de préjudiciables à leur image collective. Lors d'une conférence de presse tenue ce mercredi 11 juin à Capitol Hill, Prince Kehwalain, porte-parole des communautés concernées, a exprimé leur rejet des accusations formulées par le sénateur Twayen contre AML, estimant qu’elles ne reflètent ni la réalité sur le terrain, ni la position des communautés locales. Selon Kehwalain, ArcelorMittal Liberia respecte globalement les engagements prévus dans l’Accord de Développement Minier (MDA) signé avec le gouvernement libérien. Il a affirmé que les propos du sénateur ne sont motivés que par des intérêts personnels et ne visent qu’à discréditer la relation constructive entre les communautés locales et la société minière. « Ce que fait ArcelorMittal à Nimba est un atout pour nous. Nous ne pouvons pas rester silencieux pendant que le sénateur Twayen ternit l’image du peuple de Nimba. Il donne l’impression que nous sommes des traîtres, alors que nous bénéficions largement de cet accord », a déclaré Armstrong Gobac Selekpoh, un autre représentant communautaire. Des accusations jugées infondées Le sénateur Twayen avait récemment accusé AML de ne pas avoir respecté ses engagements envers les populations de Nimba, évoquant des pratiques de travail abusives, des manquements aux clauses de l’accord, et une exploitation économique sans retombées locales significatives, malgré plus de deux décennies d’opérations. Dans le sillage de ses critiques, l’Association des Étudiants de l’Université de Nimba (CONUSA) a adressé une pétition au Parlement, demandant une révision urgente du MDA, au motif que les communautés font face à une marginalisation économique croissante et à des risques environnementaux. Mais les représentants locaux s’inscrivent en faux contre ces affirmations.



Ils assurent que, depuis 2006, ArcelorMittal a respecté, voire dépassé, ses engagements, notamment en matière de développement communautaire, d’infrastructures, d’éducation et de santé. Investissements et résultats concrets M. Kehwalain a détaillé plusieurs réalisations de l’entreprise dans la région :

- Réhabilitation de 243 km de chemin de fer,
- Modernisation du port de Buchanan,
- Respect des quotas d’emploi fixés par le MDA,
- Formation professionnelle et bourses universitaires (99 octroyées, 46 % de diplômés),
- Scolarisation de 1 080 enfants à charge des employés,
- Paiement de plus de 424 millions USD en taxes et redevances,
- Investissements dans les infrastructures sanitaires (cliniques, hôpitaux),
- Respect des normes relatives aux droits humains et à la sécurité.

Il a ajouté que près de 10 000 emplois ont été créés directement ou indirectement grâce à AML, un apport jugé crucial pour l’économie locale. « Le sénateur Nyan ne se soucie pas de ces emplois, ni des progrès réalisés. Depuis son élection, il n’a apporté aucun soutien concret aux communautés affectées », a déploré Kehwalain. Un climat politique tendu Ce n’est pas la première fois qu’un élu critique la société sidérurgique. En 2022, l’ancien député de la 7e circonscription électorale de Nimba, Roger Domah, avait lui aussi accusé ArcelorMittal de manquements au MDA. Mais les leaders communautaires appellent à la prudence face aux discours politiques qu’ils jugent incendiaires. Ils affirment ne pas vouloir soutenir des personnalités politiques qui, depuis Monrovia, tiennent des propos qui nuisent à leur avenir économique. « Nous nous désolidarisons totalement du sénateur Nyan Twayen. Aucun politicien ne peut se permettre d’inciter nos populations sans tenir compte de notre réalité », ont conclu les représentants.

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PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

PLAINTIFF in the above entitled cause of action most respectfully prays Your Honor to have the herein Defendants ejected, Ousted and evicted from its property and have it placed in possession for reasons showeth to wit:

1. That Plaintiff in these proceedings is represented by Administrators who obtained an amended Letter of Administration from the Monthly and probate Court for Montserrado County. Attached and marked exhibit P/1 is a copy of Letter of Administration to form a part of these proceedings
2. That Plaintiff is owner of parcels of land in the settlement of Fendell County of Montserrado. Which were acquired through honorable purchased from separate Grantors. Please do see attached Marked Exhibit P/2 copies of Land deeds form a cogent part of this proceeding.
3. That Plaintiff first parcel of land was acquired from the late J.L Baxter in the year 1928 and was issued a title deed to the effect which was probated by law on the 3rd day of May AD 1929. Attached and marked exhibit P/2 is a copy of said title deed to form a cogent of these proceedings.
4. That Plaintiff acquired its second parcel of land from the late Thomas Johnson on the 12th day of January AD 1940 and was issued a Title Deed which was probated by law on the 20th day of March A.D1940. Attached and marked as exhibit P/3 is a copy of said title deed to form a cogent of these proceedings.
5. That the Defendant herein without any legal authority, selected unto themselves to enter, occupied and withhold unto themselves Plaintiff's properties for their own purpose and benefit to the total exclusion of Plaintiff.
6. That further to count five(5) above, the prevention of Plaintiff from the exercise of complete control and authority over properties that he legally own have cause him beneficiaries; mental anguish, stress and the want of finance for which the Defendants herein must be made ament for their action by paying a total amount of not less than US\$ 75,000.00 (SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS) or any amount that the jurors may find proportional to the effect of the action caused by the Defendants

Wherefore and in view of the forgoing facts and circumstances as stated above, Plaintiff request your Honor to eject, evict, and oust the herein Defendants from the property, subject of these proceedings and cause the named Defendants to pay an amount mentioned above in count six(6). And further grant unto your humble Plaintiff any and all other further relief which may seem just and equitable. And so prays. And submit.

Respectfully submitted:
PLAINTIFF
BY & THRU HIS LEGAL COUNSELS
WRIGHT AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM
SMALLWOOD BUILDING
MCDONALD STREET,
OPPOSITE THE MINISTRY OF POSTS AND

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA)
MONTSERRADO COUNTY)

IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT
"ANNEX" FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY, SITTING
IN ITS MARCH A.D. 2025 TERM.

BEFORE HIS HONOR:SCHEAPLOR R. DUNBAR..... ASSIGNED CIRCUIT JUDGE PRESIDING

The Intestate Estate of the Late Uriah A. Watson
by and thru its Administratrix Anna Scot, of the
City of Monrovia, Liberia..... Plaintiff

VERSUS

Moses V. Quewon.....	2 nd Defendant
Blama King.....	3 rd Defendant
Robert Gono Caretaker.....	4 th Defendant
T Bobby Torwon.....	5 th Defendant
Eric R. Tolbert.....	6 th Defendant
Alex Dahn.....	7 th Defendant
Saye Sorket.....	8 th Defendant
Korpo.....	9 th Defendant
Abraham Dolo.....	10 th Defendant
Promise Hamis.....	11 th Defendant
Junior Doc Caretaker.....	12 th Defendant
Daniel Swen Caretaker.....	13 th Defendant
Helen Dahn Caretaker.....	14 th Defendant
Giftee Dahn Caretaker.....	15 th Defendant
Joshua Flow Chairman daughter.....	16 th Defendant
Jerry Teah.....	17 th Defendant
Rufus Nyeniguah.....	18 th Defendant
Elizabeth to be identified.....	19 th Defendant
Grace Obangbolor.....	20 th Defendant
Gonlee Miah.....	21 st Defendant
Matu Sango.....	22 nd Defendant
Oretha Kar.....	23 rd Defendant
D. Siaway.....	24 th Defendant
Paul Sumah.....	25 th Defendant
Faith Tomore.....	26 th Defendant
Tarkpor Gorabein.....	27 th Defendant
Stanreh Labiah.....	28 th Defendant
Arthur W. Dolo.....	29 th Defendant
K. Nicalia Collins.....	30 th Defendant
Annie Kollie.....	31 st Defendant
Abraham N. Kamara.....	32 nd Defendant
Comfort Cooper.....	33 rd Defendant
Joseph Flomo.....	34 th Defendant
Edward Togba.....	35 th Defendant
Saye Beah.....	36 th Defendant
Junior Berh.....	37 th Defendant
Surina Yorkleh.....	38 th Defendant
Mheline Ghairngbal.....	39 th Defendant
Linda Dolo.....	40 th Defendant
Jedien Washington.....	41 st Defendant
Florence Dahn.....	42 nd Defendant
Jerold Neabeh.....	43 rd Defendant
Othello Barkollie.....	44 th Defendant
Chris Aruna.....	45 th Defendant
Edward Y. Togbah.....	46 th Defendant
Elijah Kollie, owner (Annie Kollie, wife).....	47 th Defendant
Sekou Wilton.....	48 th Defendant
Abraham Kamara.....	49 th Defendant
Jerus Nyebah.....	50 th Defendant
Jadiel Washington.....	51 st Defendant
Florence Dahn (T. Bobby Tweh).....	52 nd Defendant
Princess Tolbert (Ebor Tolbert).....	53 rd Defendant
Hawa.....	54 th Defendant

ACTION OF EJECTION

Irene.....	55 th Defendant
Comfort Dahn.....	56 th Defendant
Jerry Teah.....	57 th Defendant
Comfort Kermon (Prince Goro, Husband).....	58 th Defendant
Francis Borwor (Miss Paye).....	59 th Defendant
Marthaline Domah.....	60 th Defendant
Richard Tongor (Mr. & Mrs. Hormond).....	61 st Defendant
Catherine Kato.....	62 nd Defendant
P. Korkpa Flomo (Mamie Peters, owner).....	63 rd Defendant
Kokulo Duyan (Asatu, owner).....	64 th Defendant
Hawa Amos (Abraham Kormah, owner).....	65 th Defendant
Gonlee Man.....	66 th Defendant
Lovetee Gaye.....	67 th Defendant
Jaryah Junior (Henry Garsana).....	68 th Defendant
Eva Koko, Caretaker (Henry Garsana, owner).....	69 th Defendant
James.....	70 th Defendant
Brown B. Hinneh.....	71 st Defendant
Johnson Garta.....	72 nd Defendant
Sam B. Quity.....	73 rd Defendant
Marie Dahn.....	74 th Defendant
Patience Toe.....	75 th Defendant
Masu Darkolon.....	76 th Defendant
Mercy Jimmy.....	77 th Defendant
Winston.....	78 th Defendant
Bobby Dahn.....	79 th Defendant
Tommy Kpor.....	80 th Defendant
Morris Dukuly.....	81 st Defendant
Mamie (Joseph Kelly).....	82 nd Defendant
Zayzay Flomo.....	83 rd Defendant
Catherine Bombo.....	84 th Defendant
and all those under their scope of authority to be identified	
Republic of Liberia.....	Defendants

WRIT OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, TO: THE SHERIFF OR HIS DEPUTY FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY GREETINGS:


YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO RESUMMON THE DEFENDANTS IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE OF ACTION, TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL LAW COURT FOR MONTSERRADO COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, SITTING IN ITS MARCH A.D. 2025 TERM ON THE 3RD MONDAY, SAME BEING THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2025, AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING.


YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED TO NOTIFY THE SAID DEFENDANTS TO FILE THEIR **FORMAL APPEARANCE AND/OR ANSWER TO THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FILED ON OR BEFORE 30TH DAY OF MAY A.D. 2025, THAT UPON THEIR FAILURE TO APPEAR, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST THEM.**

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL RETURN THE ORIGINAL WRIT OF SUMMONS TO MY OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE 30TH DAY OF MAY A.D. 2025, WITH THE OFFICIAL RETURNS ENDORSED ON THE BACK THEREOF AS TO THE MANNER OF ITS SERVICE.

AND HAVE YOU HERE THIS WRIT OF SUMMONS.

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Florence Dahn.....42 DEFENDANT
Jerold Neabeh.....43 DEFENDANT
And all those under their scope of authority to be identified
Republic of Liberia.....DEFENDANTS

AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, a duly qualified Justice of the Peace for and in Montserrat County, at my Office in the City of Monrovia, A. Tamba Gborie-1 COUNSELLOR - AT - LAW and one of counsels for **DEFENDANT** in the foregoing cause and made OATH according to law that all and singular the allegations of both law and facts as are set forth and contained in the annexed **DEFENDANTS' ANSWER** are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief and as to those matters of information she also believes them to be true and correct.


 SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS
14th DAY OF MARCH A. D. 2025
 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, MONT. CO., R.L.

A TAMBA GBORIE-1
COUNSELOR-AT-LAW/ ONE OF

Wright And Associates Law Firm

Court decides Koffa and others' fate

The Monrovia City Court decides today whether charges brought against five members of the House of Representatives, including former Speaker J. Fonati Koffa have magnitude under the law for persecution in court.

By Stephen G. Fellajuah On Thursday, June 12, legal teams wrapped up a tense preliminary hearing before Stipendiary Magistrate Ben Barco. Koffa's defense team argued for dismissal, citing a lack of direct evidence and claiming the prosecution



pivotal stage, with the Monrovia City Court expected to rule today whether to dismiss the charges or refer the matter to Criminal Court 'A' for a full trial. The case stems from a December 18, 2024 blaze that severely damaged part of the Capitol Building during a major legislative crisis. The accused lawmakers include Koffa and Representatives Dixon Seboe, Abu Kamara, and Jacob Debee II. All face multiple charges, including arson, criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, attempted murder, criminal facilitation, and conspiracy, filed by the Liberia National Police. Representative Priscilla Cooper waived her right to a preliminary hearing on Tuesday and requested a separate trial. Legal sources speculate that she could serve as a state witness.

relied heavily on social media content and third-party sources. The prosecution, led by Solicitor General Cllr. Augustine C. Fayiah, County Attorney Richard Scott, and Cllr. Bobby Livingston, countered that the evidence, ranging from audio recordings to digital communications and witness testimonies, is sufficient to establish probable cause. Magistrate Barco denied the defense's motion to quash the evidence, stating: "When the evidence has been testified to, there is no way the court can revert its decision." The defense team, led by former Associate Justice Walkins Wright and Cllr. Jonathan Massaquoi, argued that none of the material and circumstantial evidence was obtained directly from the lawmakers

or their devices. They pointed to a now-deleted social media post as a flawed basis, maintaining that "Evidence for conviction must be direct, not third-party." A turning point in the hearing came during the testimony of Inspector Johnson, who alleged that Koffa financed the arson plot. He cited a now-deleted social media post that read "ALARMO," which he claimed was a coded signal linked to the incident. Johnson also introduced audio evidence allegedly containing Koffa's voice discussing plans to set fire to the Capitol. While Koffa acknowledged the voice might be his, he denied any involvement in a criminal conspiracy. Other lawmakers questioned the authenticity of the audio, calling it a deepfake or AI-generated fabrication. Johnson further alleged that Rep. Seboe acted as the operational leader, while Rep. Kamara's vehicles were used in the execution of the plot. Rep. Debee was guilty of criminal facilitation for failing to report the plan, according to Johnson. The City Court is now poised to rule on whether the charges against the lawmakers have enough merit to move forward. Legal analysts say today's decision could have significant implications for public confidence in the Liberian justice system, especially given the high-profile nature of the accused and the controversial use of digital evidence. **Editing by Jonathan Browne**

ArcelorMittal pledges \$4M yearly to County Fund

Steel giant, ArcelorMittal Liberia, promises to increase annual County Social Development Fund to \$4 million for Liberia.

By Kruah Thompson Monrovia, Liberia; June 13, 2025 - Acting CEO and chief of operation at ArcelorMittal Liberia, Anthony P. Kocken, has promised to increase Annual County Social Development Fund to \$4 million after conclusion of the third Amendment to its Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) with the Government of Liberia. The Third Amendment to the Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) between ArcelorMittal and the Government of Liberia is a proposed revision of the existing agreement that governs operations of the company in Liberia, particularly mining of iron ore. ArcelorMittal, one of the world's largest steel and mining companies, has been operating in Liberia since the original MDA was signed in 2005, and amended in 2006. The company mines iron ore primarily from Mount Tokadeh in Nimba County and exports through Buchanan Port Grand Bassa County. However, as a major economic contributor here, employing thousands and contributing to the national

communities, issues around exclusive control of infrastructure (rail and port) by ArcelorMittal, a need for open access for other companies like HPX and Guinea's iron ore projects. As of mid-2024, negotiations and consultations continue, with civil society, government, and international stakeholders involved. Speaking at MICAT regular press briefing here Thursday, June 12, 2024, Acting CEO Kocken noted that the Annual County Social Development Fund will increase to \$4 million, when the Third Amendment is concluded. On March 25, 2025, Liberia endorsed the User-Operator framework proposed in the Third Amendment to the MDA signed with the government. He revealed that just one week ago, they stood shoulder to shoulder with the Government and people of Liberia to commission the country's first-ever iron ore concentrator, a historic milestone that marks not just evolution of their operations, but the beginning of a new era for Liberia. He said they are not only to share what they have accomplished



budget, the company came into agreement with the Liberian Government under the third Amendment to Extend ArcelorMittal's operations for an additional 25 years. During this period, the company is expected to increase investment to over \$1 billion, including expansion of mining operations, construction of a new processing plant in Yekepa, improvements to rail and port infrastructure, increment of production to 15 million tonnes per year, with potential to reach 30 million tonnes, and establish provisions for third-party access to the rail and port infrastructure, which is a key issue for regional integration and access by other mining companies like HPX (High Power Exploration), while addressing community development, local content, and increasing revenue sharing. Base on this agreement, the House of Representatives passed the amendment in 2022, but the Liberian Senate withheld approval, citing concerns over lack of transparency, insufficient benefits to Liberia and local

together, but to ignite national excitement about what lies ahead."This Phase II expansion is not merely a company investment; it is a national breakthrough. It is a bold affirmation that Liberia can move beyond exporting raw materials to producing high-grade, value-added iron", Mr. Kocken said. He recalled that in March Liberia endorsed the User-Operator framework proposed in the Third Amendment to share rail facility with other users. AML CEO said its rail model, which is widely used for bulk commodity transport in Australia, Brazil, and Canada, has also been successfully implemented in neighboring Guinea. AML has consented to the Rail System Operating Principles (RSOP) suggested by the Liberian government that ensures transparent and non-discriminatory rail operations. "Today, we gather not only to share what we have accomplished together but to ignite national

Starts from back page Sawyer lecture begins today

the fundraising dinner on Saturday June 14 will honour two most outstanding and patriotic Liberian citizens in the person of the venerable Dr. Abba Kanga for some of his most pioneering works with the Bassa language and Christian missionary works. Prof. Agnes Nebo von Ballmoos would be honoured posthumously as Liberia's foremost ethnomusicologist and her devotion and dedication to the preservation of Liberian folklore music as well as standards she set with the University of Liberia choir and choral group.

In addition, Noble Laureate Leymah Gbowee will serve as one of the key launchers at the awards dinner which is expected to see a cross section of high government officials as well as political actors across the political and religious spectrum of Liberia in the spirit of Dr. Amos C. Sawyer. On Sunday June 15, the ACS Educational Foundation will honor its Patron Saint with dedication service to further observe his 80th heavenly birthday at the St. Stephens Episcopal Church on 10th street in Sinkor to climax three days of celebration and activities.

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